



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 2, 2008

### **S. 1477**

### **Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2008**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on September 16, 2008*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 1477 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide funds for rehabilitating the Jackson Gulch Canal system in Colorado. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation and assuming appropriation of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3437 would cost \$8 million over the 2009-2013 period.

S. 1477 would require the Mancos Water Conservancy District to reimburse the federal government for 35 percent of the project cost, less any funds that the district has contributed to the project under current law. Based on information from the agency, CBO expects that the district would reimburse the government approximately \$2.5 million over the 15-year period following completion of the project. Those funds would be classified as offsetting receipts. If funds were appropriated for the project, the government would collect that amount after the project is complete.

S. 1477 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1477 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009-2013
<b>CHANGE IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Estimated Authorization Level	2	2	2	2	0	8
Estimated Outlays	1	2	2	2	1	8

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1477 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2009 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year.

S. 1477 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide funds for rehabilitating the Jackson Gulch Canal system in Colorado. Federal funding for the project could only be used for designing and implementing the project; no federal funds could be used for operation and maintenance of the project. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation and assuming appropriation of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1477 would cost around \$8 million over the 2009-2013 period.

The legislation would require the Mancos Water Conservancy District—the local water district that oversees the Jackson Gulch Canal system—to reimburse the federal government for 35 percent of the project cost, less any funds that the district has contributed to the project under current law. If appropriations are provided for the project, the government would later collect a total of \$2.5 million in the years following completion (after 2013).

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1477 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Implementing this bill would benefit the Mancos Water Conservancy District. Any costs to the district would be incurred voluntarily.

## **PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE**

On July 25, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3437, the Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2008, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16, 2008. The two versions of the legislation are similar, as are the estimated costs to implement them.

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